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## City Set To Crackdown On Parking Violaters

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(January 27, 2004- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced Tuesday that beginning this week the City of Troy will start cracking down on people who have a significant number of outstanding parking tickets.

Utilizing "the boot," the city will clamp down on drivers who have taken advantage of lax enforcement during the past several years. Taking drivers with just three or more outstanding parking tickets, known as the "heavy hitters," the city is currently owed more than \$200,000 from that list.

"For too long many people have scoffed at city parking tickets, tossing them in their cars and forgetting about them," Tutunjian said. "It is time that people take what we do seriously. Just because people park on city streets all day, ignoring the law, does not mean it is okay."

Anyone with more than \$50 in outstanding fines will be booted if their car is spotted, regardless if they are parked legally at the time. The City will continue to boot cars until the message gets through to drivers. The city has three boots that it will use on vehicles.

The following list of people, which includes last known addresses, owe the city more than \$900 in back parking tickets: Christian Akre, 17 State St., Kimberly Sullivan, 85 4<sup>th</sup> St., Kelly Fairchild, 97 4<sup>th</sup> St., George Hutchinson, 11 Myrtle Ave, Albany, Adlher Rodriguez, 647 Milton Road, Douglaston, Jacob Etter, 284 Pawling Ave., Chad Shoemaker, Averill Park, Amefika El-Amin, Brooklyn, Sheila Perkins, 122 Griswold Heights, Dale Kurtz, Franklin MA, Janet Edey, Queensbury, Gilberto Santell, PO Box 1171 Troy, Shane Kehl 1649 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wiley Minges, 123 Second St.

If a resident's car is booted, it can only be unlocked by paying all of the fines owed. That process will be done during City business hours in the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. The Police Department, or any other branch of the government, will not accept money for fines owed. Because of the new strict means of handling owed money, the city will only boot cars from Monday thru Thursday.

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"We are very serious about attacking this problem," Tutunjian said. "We will have people out on the street beginning this week that will look for those cars whose owners owe us a significant amount of money."